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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM SPOP SREF PFOR PINS LA TH
SUBJ: RECENT WAVE OF REFUGEES TO THAILAND

REF: VIENTIANE 2955

1. A LAO WOMAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT HER PILOT NEIGHBOR HIGHJACKED A C-46 FROM LAO AVIATION DECEMBER 31 AND FLEW IT TO UDORN. SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE WERE ON THE PLANE. HOWEVER, THE PILOT LEFT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN BEHIND.

2. EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY VARIOUS SOURCES INCLUDING A CHINESE MONEY CHANGER, LOCAL EMPLOYEE, DISTRICT CHIEF, AND STUDENT, THAT DURING THE LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER, 1976, SEVERAL HUNDRED LAO FLED TO THAILAND. THE LAO SOURCES BELIEVED MOST OF THE INORDINATELY LARGE GROUP OF REFUGEES WERE WIVES AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF PRISONERS

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HELD IN NORTHERN WORK CAMPS. A LAO SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT THIRTY TO FORTY LAO WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED DURING THE LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE TO THAILAND THROUGH VIENTIANE'S SISATANAK DISTRICT WERE BEING HELD IN THAT KHAO JAIL IN VIENTIANE.

3. IN RECENT SEMINARS AND MEDIA ARTICLES, REPORTED

REFTEL, THE GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED ITS POLICY TOWARD THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF NORTHERN WORK CAMP PRISONERS. IN LATE DECEMBER THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT WIVES OF NORTHERN WORK CAMP DETAINEES WOULD NO LONGER RECEIVE GOVERNMENT MONTHLY SUPPORT PAYMENTS OF 2,000 TO 3,000 KIP BUT HAD THE OPTION OF RESETTLING AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH THEIR HUSBANDS IN VIENG SAY. FURTHERMORE, A LAO WOMAN DISTRICT CHIEF (TASSENG) TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 2 THAT ALL WIVES OF FORMER VIENTIANE OFFICIALS AND SOLDIERS NOW HELD IN LABOR CAMPS WOULD BE FORCED TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS IN VIENG SAY DURING 1977 IF THE WIVES WERE NOT FULLY EMPLOYED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUEST ANY FURTHER INFORMATION UDORN MAY HAVE ABOUT LAO AVIATION'S C-46. EMBASSY ALSO INTERESTED IN UDORN'S VIEW OF RECENT INFLUX OF REFUGEES.

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